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Mr. Ernie Lazar  
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Dear Mr. Lazar:

Your request for information pertaining to "PRAY Inc." was referred to this office by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), along with a five page document for processing and direct response to you.


The processing of your request has been completed. All releasable information is provided at enclosure (1), along with an explanation of the exemptions taken under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C).

As the official responsible for the partial denial of your request, I am advising you of your right to appeal this determination. Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter. An appeal should be addressed to the Secretary of the Navy's designee: Office of the Judge Advocate General, (Code 34), Washington Navy Yard, 1322 Patterson Avenue, S.E., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20374-5066. The envelope and letter should bear the annotation "FOIA Appeal."

The FBI has taken an exemption pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C). You may appeal any denial taken by the FBI by writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, within sixty days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite FBI FOI/PA #441047, the number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

Falling below the automatic fee-waiver threshold, fees in this case have been waived.

Sincerely,

  
R. J. TUIDER  
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Senior Military Counsel

Encl:  
(1) Documents

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6 June 1963

SECTION I

S U B V E R S I O N

1. Nazi paraphernalia discovered in Baltimore apartment

While investigating a bad check charge on 5 May 1963, Baltimore police questioned [REDACTED] (age 30), an employee of the Druid Hill Park Zoo. The police discovered several hundred rounds of small ammunition, fifteen pistols, three rifles, a large assortment of Nazi flags, armbands, insignia and other paraphernalia in [REDACTED] apartment on [REDACTED]. The apartment also contained a number of military uniforms of various types and a Kentucky State Police uniform. b7C

[REDACTED] has been charged with carrying a deadly weapon, storing ammunition in excess of one hundred pounds and "being concerned in the performance of an indecent exhibition" (based on photographic evidence) at his apartment. In 1952, he was sentenced to ten years in prison for burglary. Comment: DIO-5ND files contain no prior information on [REDACTED]

SECTION II

S O V I E T B L O C A C T I V I T I E S

1. Unsolicited propaganda of Hungarian origin (Norfolk, Virginia)

On two occasions during May, 1963, a former Hungarian national, who presently occupies a responsible position, advised of the receipt of literature mailed from Hungary, where certain of his close relatives continue to reside.

A pictorial-type magazine called "HUNGARIAN NEWS" attempted to illustrate that present day Hungary enjoys a very high cultural and scientific standing. One section was devoted to amnesty procedures for political prisoners and exiles. A small brochure listed Hungarian authors and their works.

Source reasoned that his name and address were obviously obtained either through the exchange of correspondence with his relatives or due to past communication with the Hungarian Embassy concerning a family legal matter.

Comment:

It is noteworthy that a news article dated 10 May 1961, entitled "HUNGARIANS LIVING IN U.S. FLOODED BY RED PROPAGANDA," indicated that Hungarians living in the United States were then being subjected to an extensive propaganda campaign through letters mailed to them from their homeland.

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SECTION III

ORGANIZATIONS (GENERAL)

1. Paul Revere Assoc. Yeomen, Inc. (New Orleans, Louisiana)

A major Marine Corps command in the Fifth Naval District reported the receipt of an envelope from PAUL REVERE ASSOC. YEOMEN, INC. (PRAY), New Orleans, Louisiana, which contained an assortment of printed matter, primarily of an anti-Semitic nature.

The propaganda package contained the 1 March 1963 and 15 February 1963 editions of the anti-Semitic newspaper "COMMON SENSE," published by the CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION of Union, New Jersey. The 1 March edition closely follows the previously-expressed anti-Semitic line of "COMMON SENSE" in that it is alleged that a "Secret Government" controlled by Jewish elements exists in the United States. Profiles are presented of the so-called members of the "Secret Government" in an effort to show the responsible positions they occupy in all branches of the government. The newspaper further utilizes this information in an effort to create opposition to the present administration.

The 15 February newspaper carries the headline "KENNEDY IN DEEP WATER" in an article criticizing the administration's handling of the Cuban situation, with particular reference to the Bay of Pigs invasion.

A mimeographed letter published by PRAY, signed by H. S. RIECKE, Jr. (Founder), is devoted in entirety to vigorous criticism of the United Nations. The record of the UN is presented as one of complete failure in its undertakings, with the recommendation that letters be written to governors, mayors, Senators and Congressmen in an effort to abolish the UN.

Another mimeographed letter under the sponsorship of PRAY is concerned exclusively with a condemnation of the Communist movement. It is indicated that the decline of Communism in the United States began in late 1962, with the current political trend favoring "Conservative" candidates. It is predicted that in 1964 the "Conservatives" will win 10 to 20 Senate seats and 40 to 50 House seats.

A leaflet published by PRAY purports to represent an uncut copy of what was proposed as an advertisement for distribution on 15 September 1961. In brief, it continues the organization's denunciation of the UN, which is described as "Russian-controlled" and exposes certain Communist conspiracies in the radio-television field in the United States.

The advertisement solicits membership at the rate of \$2.00 per month. Those who do not plan to join PRAY are encouraged to become affiliated with such organizations as the CHRISTIAN ANTI-COMMUNIST CRUSADE, CINEMA EDUCATIONAL GUILD and JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. A subscription application

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for the newspaper "COMMON SENSE" also appeared in the package.

Various other pieces of literature contained in the package are readily interpreted as supporting the issues mentioned above. For the most part, the literature consisted of re-prints of articles published under the by-line of such authors as Victor RIESEL and William KIRK. Other recommended reading material consists of small brochures published by THE FACT FINDER, Chicago, Illinois, CINEMA EDUCATIONAL GUILD, INC., Hollywood, California, THE WHITE SENTINEL, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and news-sheets published by FREEDOM CENTER, Portland, Oregon and HUMAN EVENTS, Washington, D. C.

Comment:

DIO-5ND files contain no prior information concerning the PAUL REVERE ASSOC. YEOMEN, INC., which obviously has a close working arrangement with the CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

SECTION IV

PACIFIST MOVEMENT

1. Women Strike for Peace (Washington, D. C.)

A "Letter to the Editor," signed by Dagmar WILSON, leader of WOMEN STRIKE FOR PEACE, appeared in the 12 May 1963 edition of The Sun, Baltimore, Maryland. Mrs. WILSON indicated the recent impasse at Geneva causes her to wonder whether this generation will be the last on earth.

Continuing, Mrs. WILSON stated it is now known that Strontium 90 released by nuclear testing destroys life even before it can be born; that if there are new rounds of testing, our children cannot escape this sterilization nor can children anywhere in the world.

In a final plea to stop the resumption of nuclear testing, Mrs. WILSON emphasized that the decision rests in the hands of President Kennedy and Premier Khrushchev, who are asked to put the continuance of the human race before all other considerations.

On 16 May 1963 another "Letter to the Editor," signed by Gertrude SEIF, reported that fifteen women representing BALTIMORE WOMEN STRIKE FOR PEACE and WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM participated in a "MOTHERS' LOBBY FOR A TEST BAN TREATY" in Washington on 7 May 1963. The letter was critical of The Sun for failing to publicize the affair. The remainder of the letter concerned the elimination of nuclear testing.

Comment:

It is significant that Gertrude SEIF, once prominently involved in the affairs of the COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (District of Maryland - D. C.), continues to play an active role in the local peace movement.

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